

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification amendments are based upon the published PCT application. A copy of the application including the marked-up changes made below is attached as Appendix A to this Reply. A clean copy of the amended specification and claims is attached as Appendix B to this Reply.

Delete "Mineplough" before the paragraph beginning at line 1.

Insert the following section headings on page 1 before the paragraph beginning at line 1.

TITLE OF INVENTION

MINEPLOUGH

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

Insert the following section heading on page 1 after the paragraph ending as line 1 and before the paragraph beginning on line 3:

2. Discussion of Prior Art

Amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 24-29 as follows:

In clearing a path through a major minefield it is recognised that up to 5 mines in total may have to be cleared and if, for example, these are fitted with anti-disturbance fuzing, this may mean up to 5 mines exploding during the clearing operation. To achieve a speedy clearance it is desirable that only one mineplough be actually involved in the operation but with current designs of mineplough it is not possible to attain the level of robustness which is required to achieve this.

Insert the following section heading on page 2 before the paragraph beginning on line 1.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Amend the paragraph at page 4, line 23 to page 5, line 2 as follows:

The crushable element suitably comprises a series of substantially U-shaped channel members located ahead of the boom arm pins in the direction of travel of the blade (~~ie.~~ i.e. between

the blade and the boom arm pins which the members are intended to protect). The channel members are designed to crush under a loading which is below the shear strength of the boom arm pins. For additional resilience and to achieve better lateral stability of the blade, two sets of channel members could be provided, one of which sets is positioned vertically and the other set of channel members positioned horizontally with respect to the blade. In an alternative arrangement, the channel members could be replaced with a series of short tubes designed to crumple under a shock load and so to act as energy absorbers and it will be readily apparent to the skilled addressee that other means of providing the desired resilience in the linkage system can be contemplated and are to be understood as falling within the scope of the invention.

Insert the following section heading on page 5 after the paragraph ending as line 2 and before the paragraph beginning on line 4:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Insert the following section heading on page 5 after the paragraph ending as line 13 and before the paragraph beginning on line 15:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS